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1. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN (TOKYO) REPORTS US ASKING JAPAN PAY PART 350-MIL-DOL TAB FOR SALARIES/PENSIONS OF JAPANESE LABORERS ON US BASES THERE. GOJ HAS AGREED "STUDY" REQUEST, BUT SO FAR REFUSED COMMIT ITSELF TO SHARING EXPENSES.
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ASAHI SHIMBUN STORY SAYS HONDA MOTORS HAS DECIDED SET UP MOTORCYCLE MFG PLANTS IN US/WILL START PURCHASING LAND IN GREAT LAKES AREA THIS FALL. FIRM TO INVEST 37.7 MIL DOLS/ HIRE 300-400 WORKERS (UPI, NYDN).

MID-ATLANTIC TOYOTA DISTRIBUTORS ANNOUNCES CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN ON 4-MIL-DOL PARTS WAREHOUSE/OFFICE COMPLEX IN MD THAT WILL EVENTUALLY REPLACE CURRENT FACILITIES/SERVE MD/VA/W VA/ PA/DEL/DC (SHELSEBY, SUN).

BOEING WILL RESUME NEGOTS SOON W/JAPANESE CIVIL TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT CORP ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT MEDIUM-RANGE AIRLINER. TALKS SUSPENDED LAST SEPT (REUTER TOKYO).

MCDONALD'S JAPAN SHAPING PLAN OPEN US BRANCH NEXT YR, STAFFING ITS HAMBURGER RESTAURANT W/JAPANESE YOUTHS STUDYING IN US. PLAN HAS INFORMAL APPROVAL FROM MCDONALD'S CORP HQTRS (NYT).

MAJOR JAPANESE FILM DISTRIBUTOR HAS DROPPED PLANS RELEASE "BLACK SUNDAY," DEPICTING IMAGINARY PALESTINIAN ATTACK ON US PRES, BECAUSE IT HAS RECEIVED THREATENING POSTCARDS. ARAB DIPLOMATS IN TOKYO, AFTER SEEING PREVIEW, ALSO ASKED COMPANY NOT SHOW IT (REUTER, SUN).

LDP SEN HISATSUNE SAKOMIZU, DRAFTER OF JAPAN'S WWII SURRENDER MESSAGE, DIED OF HEART ATTACK MONDAY AT AGE 74 (AP, WP).

2. JAPAN/CHINA

WOODCOCK DUE FLY PEKING VIA TOKYO ABOARD CHINESE AIRLINER UNCLASSIFIED

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7/26. AMB ARRIVED IN JAPAN SUNDAY W/O ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT; MET AT AIRPORT BY MANSFIELD/WAS AMEMB HOUSE GUEST DURING STOPOVER (NYT).

3. PHILIPPINES

JOC'S LORENZ (SINGAPORE) REVIEWS PHILS FONMIN ROMULO'S ADDRESS BEFORE ASEAN MTG THIS YR/FINDS PHILS SEEK GROWTH THRU REGIONAL LINKS. MARCOS PREDICTS ASEAN NATIONS, WORKING JOINTLY, NEED "ANYWHERE FROM FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS" TO ACHIEVE ECON TRANSFORMATION, WHILE ALONE, COULD TAKE PHILS 2 DECADES OR MORE.

4. MALAYSIA

GOM OFFICIALS/MINING INDUSTRY REPS WILL HOLD 2-DAY SEMINAR IN AUGUST TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON COUNTRY'S SHRINKING TIN PRODUCTION (UNICOM NEWS, JOC SINGAPORE).

5. NEW ZEALAND

AUCKLAND/WELLINGTON FEAR DISLOCATION OF SERVICES DUE ANTICIPATED SURGE IN CONTAINER VOLUME AT PORTS FROM NOW THRU NEXT YR (MCLAUCHLAND/LEV, JOC).

6. CHINA

ALBANIA HAS ASKED PRC PULL OUT TECHNICAL EXPERTS CONTRACTS

EXPIRE. PEKING-TIRANA ALLIANCE STRAINING OVER PAST FEW WKS; SOURCES REPORT EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES WILL BE RETURNING HOME FOR GOOD (AP NYDN, NYT, SUN; REUTER BELGRADE; DOBBS, WP).
UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM CANCELED 8-DAY PRC TRIP DUE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN WHICH HIS DAUGHTER/2 OTHER RELATIVES SERIOUSLY INJURED (REUTER NYT, WP).

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NCNA SAYS GOLD COINS OF EASTERN ROMAN EMPIRE DISCOVERED BY CHINESE ARCHEOLOGIST IN INNER MONGOLIA RECENTLY (REUTER HK).

TYPHOON THELMA KILLED 28/DESTROYED 2,000 HOUSES IN S TAIWAN. STORM ONE OF WORST TO HIT TAIWAN IN RECENT YRS (REUTER TAIPEI).

7. HONG KONG

HK AUTHORITIES 7/24 SEIZED 700,000 DOLS WORTH FORGED BANK NOTES, ALONG W/PRINTING PLATES FOR COUNTERFEITING THAI/INDONESIAN/HK CURRENCY (REUTER HK).

8. KOREA

PRES CARTER, IN LTR TO PARK DELIVERED BY SECDEF BROWN, PLEDGES US SECURITY COMMITMENT REMAINS FIRM/UNDIMINISHED DESPITE PLANNED PULLOUT. LTR DESIGNED BLUNT FEARS IN ROK THAT US W/DRAWAL WILL LEAD TO INCREASED TENSIONS/PROMPT NK ATTACK. SECDEF STARTS 2 DAYS' MTGS W/SK MIL OFFICIALS TRANSFER US WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT TO OFFSET W/DRAWAL. US/SK AGREE SET UP COMBINED COMMAND NEXT YR TO CONTROL GROUND/ AIR DEFENSES, BUT DETAILS REMAIN VAGUE. PENDING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, ADMIN HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED ON 2 BILLION DOL PLAN FOR SK OVER NEXT 5 YRS, INCL 1.5 BILLION IN MIL CREDITS/LOANS PLUS 500 MILLION DOL WEAPONS GRANT. SECDEF HAD EXPRESSED WORRY RE EFFECT KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL IN US (WEINRAUB, NYT).

SAAR (WP), AT SEOUL, SAYS SECDEF-PARK TALKS REVEALED ANXIETIES ON BOTH SIDES. STATES US OFFICIALS WORRIED ABOUT CONGRESS; REPORTS ROK DEFMIN SUH WANTS COMPENSATORY
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MEASURES BEFORE W/DRAWAL. QUOTES SECDEF RE TRIPARTITE CONGRESSIONAL COALITION VS W/DRAWAL: THOSE WHO OPPOSE AS MILITARILY INADVISABLE; THOSE WHO OPPOSE PARK REGIME ON HUMAN RTS, WILL NOT VOTE FUNDS FOR IT; THOSE INFLUENCED BY BRIBERY SCANDAL, WISH AVOID APPEARANCE BEING INVOLVED.

MENTIONS POINTS IN DISCUSSIONS, INCL CHANGE IN COMMAND STRUCTURE. SAYS CALM PUBLIC EXTERIOR OF TALKS SEEMS REPRESENT DETERMINED EFFORT BY BOTH GOVTS TO CONTROL RAPID DECLINE OF BILATERAL RELS. ADDS BOTH UNDERSTAND DISAGREEMENT WILL BE INTERPRETED AS SIGN WEAKNESS BY NK; OPENING STATEMENTS BY SECDEF/MINDEF ILLUSTRATE DIFFERING OBJECTIVES/ATTITUDES.

US AGREES EXPAND AIR POWER IN SK AS PULLS OUT GROUND TROOPS; PRES CARTER PROMISES PARK TO ASK CONGRESS FOR SUBSTANTIAL ARMS AID TO BUILD UP SK DEFENSES. MOVES SEEM DESIGNED EASE WORRIES IN SK/JAPAN/ELSEWHERE RE STEADFASTNESS US POLICY IN EA. SECDEF WARNS PRES PARK ON POTENTIAL TROUBLES W/CONGRESS ON EXTENSIVE NEW MIL AID PROGRAM (CORDDRY, SUN). US/SK AGREE SET UP JOINT MIK CMD THAT WOULD GIVE ROKG CONTROL OVER MOVEMENT 600,000 MAN ARMY FOR 1ST TIME SINCE KOREAN WAR. DESPITE CARTER ASSURANCES, SK CONTINUES WORRY WHETHER PULLOUT WILL LEAVE THEM VULNERABLE TO NK ATTACK (AP, NYDN).

JAMESON (LAT 7/24) REPORTS US URGING SK SPEND MORE ON ARMS; (7/25) QUOTES SECDEF BROWN THAT US WILL TRAIN SKOREANS DURING PULLOUT PERIOD.

US DOJ INFORMS CONGRESS THAT WILL SOON SEEK INDICTMENTS VS 5 FORMER CONGRESSMEN IN CONNECTION W/PROBE ALLEGED KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING, ACCORDING "NEWSWEEK" (CSM). HOUSE SPKR O'NEILL (D-MASS) SAYS ADMIN OFFICIALS EXPECT INDICTMENTS HANDED UP IN SEPT/OCT BY DOJ (NYDN). AIDES SAY REP O'NEILL, OTHER HOUSE LEADERS TOLD 2 WILL BE INDICTED IN SEPT/3 IN OCT. ATTY GEN BELL GIVES NO UNCLASSIFIED

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DETAILS (AP, SUN).

KIM HAN CHO, ALLEGED KCIA AGENT, DISTRIBUTED 200,000 DOLS IN GIFTS/FAVORS TO US OFFICIALS/CONGRESSMEN UNTIL YR AGO, ACCORDING FORMER KCIA CHIEF KIM HYUNG WOOK (HALLORAN, NYT; EXCERPTED IN SUN).

9. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

DEP SECSTATE CHRISTOPHER AT BANGKOK DEPLORES THAI/KR BORDER CLASHES; DOES NOT BELIEVE RTG WILL ASK US FOR AID UNDER MANILA PACT (REUTER BANGKOK). RTG SENDS PROTEST NOTE TO CAMBODIA/PLACES TROOPS ON ALERT AT 2 BORDER POINTS FOLLOWING BORDER INCIDENTS. FONMIN UPADIT BRIEFS DEP SECSTATE ON SITUATION (CSM).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

TORONTO GLOBE/MAIL'S MUNRO (WP) SAYS PEOPLE'S DAILY EDIT TOLD CHINESE THEY ARE NOW BEING LED BY TRIUMVIRATE: HUA/TENG/VICE CHRNM YEH. STATES TENG "MOST RESPECTED MAN IN CHINA TODAY"/HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO ECON GROWTH, EVEN AT COST OF SACRIFICING EGALITARIANISM IDEOL PURITY.

HARSCH (CSM) SEES TENG'S RETURN EASING US-PRC RELS. TENG'S PRAGMATISM/DESIRE FOR GROWTH REQUIRES OUTSIDE HELP "OF THE KIND BEST FOUND" IN JAPAN/US/W EUR. OPINES IF HE CAN GET COMPUTERS/MODERN AIRCRAFT/ETC, HE WON'T BE IN ANY HURRY OVER US BREAKING RELS W/TAIWAN, OR WHETHER TOP AMERICAN IN PEKING IS CALLED REP OR AMB.
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11. KOREA

ROWAN (BALTO NA 7/25) SAYS NK'S PROMPT RETURN HELICOPTER/DEAD, WOUNDED CREWMEN EVIDENCES FACT "THEY THINK THEY FINALLY HAVE WON THE WAR." ADDS NKOREANS SENSE "RAPID EROSION" US-SK FRIENDSHIP. STATES TONGSUN PARK SCANDAL OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE, BUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS THAT AMERICAN LIVES/AGONY/SWEAT/TEARS/BLOOD/MONEY ARE "SINKING SLOWLY" INTO "CESSPOOL" OF GREED/CROOKEDNESS/TYRANNY, WHICH FOR US CARRIES "SPECIAL PAIN OF HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF."

CHI S-T (7/22) APPLAUDS JAWORSKI'S CHOICE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL IN KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL, BUT SAYS HIS INVESTIGATION ALONE INSUFFICIENT TO ERASE PUBLIC CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE INFLUENCE-PEDDLING. NOTES JAWORSKI WILL FOCUS ON INDICTABLE OFFENSES, BUT PUBLIC WANTS HOUSE ITSELF DETERMINE WHETHER ITS ETHICAL STDS VIOLATED.

12. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

THORPE (CDN) DESCRIBES JOINT RTG-GOM OPNS VS COMMUNISTS ON BORDER. REPORTS JOINT OPNS CAUSE POL PROBLEM SINCE BESIDES COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS, ALSO ARE MUSLIM SEPARATISTS IN S THAILAND WHO DEMAND SECESSION 4 PROVS; CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC SYMPATHY EXISTS IN MALAYSIA FOR THAI SEPARATIST MOVEMENT. SAYS REPORTED LINKS BETW SEPARATISTS/COMMUNISTS FORCE GOM DRAW CAREFUL DISTRINCTIONS; CONSIDER SEPARATISTS TO BE RTG INTERNAL PROBLEM. ADDS JOINT OPNS EXPECTED LAST TILL MID-AUG.

13. INDOCHINA

MCARTHUR (LAT) REVIEWS TOP-LEVEL SRV VISIT TO LAOS. SAYS CLEAR FROM OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS THAT LAOS NOW IS SATELLITE.
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RECOUNTS HISTORY LAOS SINCE 1954; NOTES LONG-TERM PRESENCE NVN TROOPS, W/BUILDUP ABOUT 9 MOS AGO WHEN BECAME CLEAR PL COULD NOT KEEP ORDER. ADDS COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING MTG ATTACKS RTG FOR "HOSTILE POLICY" TOWARD SRV/LAOS, CRITICIZES ASEAN.

INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER'S WINNACKER (LAT 7/24) RECOUNTS RECENT VISIT TO MY LAI. DESCRIBES MUSEUM/MEMORIAL, TALKS W/MASSACRE SURVIVORS, WORK BEING DONE REBUILD AREA. ADVOCATES US PROVIDE AID TO SRV.

LINDSEY (NYT) DESCRIBES PROBLEMS COPPOLA HAS HAD FILMING "APOCALYPSE NOW," ABOUT WAR IN VN. FILM COST OVER 25 MILLION DOLS; SHOOTING IN PHILS PLAGUED W/PROBLEMS INCL EARTHQUAKE/TYPHOON. NOTES OPENING DELAYED UNTIL NEXT APR. SAYS DIRECTOR HAS MORTGAGED PERSONAL FINANCIAL FUTURE ON FILM.

14. ASEAN

NEWMAN (WSJ) REVIEWS ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY SINCE END VN WAR. NOTES US ENTHUSIASM/SRV DISTRUST. QUOTES EA'S HOLBROOKE THAT "THIS IS WHERE OUR FUTURE LIES IN ASIA... TO WORK WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE REGION." POINTS OUT US PRODS JAPAN TO EXPAND INTERESTS IN AREA. BELIEVES ASEAN'S PROGRESS TOWARD REGIONAL COOPERATION PROMISES BE PAINSTAKING. VANCE

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